



Agenda Item Introduction

Committee	POLICY AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS AND REGENERATION
Date	4 MAY 2023
Topic	PRE DECISION SCRUTINY – ISLE OF WIGHT CULTURAL STRATEGY

BACKGROUND

The Isle of Wight Council has been working in partnership with The Island Collection in development of a draft cultural strategy following an extensive consultation. The vision is to establish the Island as a significant cultural environment and destination, for all those who live here, and for those who visit.

The draft strategy is due to be considered on 11 May 2023 at Cabinet which provides the opportunity for scrutiny of the item before it goes for a decision. Cabinet will decide on whether to approve the strategy.

In considering whether the decision is likely to be 'significant', the scrutiny committee should consider the strategic nature of the decision and whether the outcome will have an impact, for better or worse, on the amenity of a community or quality of service provided by the council to a significant number of people living or working in the locality affected.

FOCUS FOR SCRUTINY

The role of the committee is not to act as a shadow cabinet. Its function is to ensure that the principles of decision making have been complied with:

- taking into account all relevant considerations and ignoring those which are irrelevant
- compliance with finance, contract and all other procedure rules
- due consultation and proper advice is taken, and alternative options considered before decisions are reached
- impartiality and an absence of bias or pre-determination
- any interests are properly declared
- decisions are properly recorded and published
- decisions are proportionate to the desired outcome
- respect for human rights and equality impacts
- a presumption in favour of transparency and openness
- clarity of aims and desired outcomes

- due consideration of all available options
- reasons are given for decisions

OUTCOME

Do members wish to support the proposed recommendations or report any comment to Cabinet.

APPROACH

A Cabinet report to be submitted to the committee.

APPENDICES ATTACHED

Culture Strategy Scrutiny Report
Island of Culture 3.5 DRAFT

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